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	CHARLES C. AGWUMEZIE	3685	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communication filed on February 17, 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5,8-10,51-56,58 and 59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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/Charlie C Agwumezie/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685
May 17, 2010

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Nigro on May 17, 2010.

Acknowledgments

3. Applicants amendment filed on February 17, 2010 is acknowledged. Accordingly claims 5, 8-10, 51-56, and 58-59 remain pending and are allowed subject to the examiner's amendment.

The Application has been amended as follows:

1. Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) ~~A method for protecting a network server from being used as the basis of an attack on a network client, the method comprising:~~

A method comprising:

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receiving, by a first server comprising a processor and a non-transitory, tangible memory, a transaction request from a user for a transaction at a merchant server;

receiving, by said first server, a third party request comprising executable commands being associated with a selected programming language;

scanning said third party request ~~scanning a trusted portion of said network server to find executable commands inserted by an unwanted party, said executable commands being associated with a selected programming language, wherein said trusted portion is a subset of said network server; and,~~

at least one of editing and removing at least a portion of said executable commands,

wherein said at least one of editing and removing comprises at least one of

rendering said executable commands unexecutable by a said network client by removing a character of said executable commands; and

rendering said executable commands unexecutable by said network client by replacing particular characters within said executable commands;

issuing a challenge to a second server comprising a processor and a non-transitory, tangible memory and forwarding the challenge from said second server to the user, wherein said challenge is passed to an intelligent token for processing said challenge, wherein said intelligent token generates a response to said challenge;

receiving said response by said second server from the user based upon said challenge;

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processing said response by said second server and verifying the intelligent token;

assembling credentials for the transaction at said first server, said credentials comprising at least one key;

providing at least a portion of said assembled credentials to said user;

receiving, by said second server, a second request from said user, said second request including said portion of said assembled credentials provided to said user; and

validating, by said second server, said portion of said assembled credentials provided to said user with said key of said assembled credentials providing access to a transaction service.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, further comprising rejecting a request when said request contains said executable commands having a hostile character.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, further comprising logging said executable commands to form a security log.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9, further comprising reviewing said security log to determine whether said executable commands are hostile.

Claim 11-50 (Canceled)

Claim 51 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said executable commands cause an unwanted action when executed.

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Claim 52 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said executable commands are malicious.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, further comprising receiving a request for a connection at said network server from said network client.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 53, further comprising verifying that a response from said network server to said network client is void of said executable commands.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 54, further comprising providing said response from said network server to said network client.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5 wherein said programming language comprises javascript.

Claim 57 (Canceled)

Claim 58 (Currently Amended) The method claim [[1]] 5, wherein said rendering said executable commands unexecutable by said network client by replacing particular characters within said executable commands comprises converting a script format character to another character, wherein said script format character identifies a block of code.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended) The method claim [[1]] 5, wherein said rendering said executable commands unexecutable by said network client by removing a character of said executable commands comprises removing a script format character, wherein said script format character identifies a block of code.

3. Claims 5, 8-10, 51-56, and 58-59 have been allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Patent No. 6,272,641 B1 to Ji.

Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." In re Glaug F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-29 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term "is susceptible to various meanings, ...the inventor's lexicography must prevail...." Id. Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.

5. The primary reference Ji (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,641 B1) discloses an applet scanner that scans Internet-obtained applets for appropriate marking with additional security monitoring. See Abstract. Ji's invention involves a scanner that scans applets for "problematic" code. See col. 3, lines 25-30. If such code is found, Ji's scanner then "marks" the problematic code, which may include the insertion of additional code. See col. 3, lines 27-34. Upon execution of the applet on the client, the "marked" code is monitored for compliance with a security policy. See col. 3, lines 47-58. As previously noted, Ji teaches insertion of code near "problematic" code. Ji is not altering the problematic code at all, but instead is annotating the code for later evaluation in a run time environment. After Ji's insertion of special codes in front of problematic code, the problematic code may or may not remain in executable form.

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Further, Ji contemplates execution of at least a portion of the executable code, albeit under monitoring.

Jii however does not teach at least one of editing and removing at least a portion of said executable commands, wherein said at least one of editing and removing comprises at least one of rendering said executable commands unexecutable by a network client by removing a character of said executable commands; and rendering said executable commands unexecutable by said network client by replacing particular characters within said executable commands

Moreover, the missing claimed elements from Ji are not found in a reasonable number of reference(s). Yet even if the missing claimed elements were found in a reasonable number of references, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would not have been motivated to include these missing elements in an embodiment in the Ji disclosure because: such would have changed the basic working principles and the operation of Ji which requires an insertion of a code near the executable command.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure.

- Kuo et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,230,288 B1) discloses Method of Treating Whitespace during Virus Detection.
- Green et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,913,024) discloses Secure Server Utilizing Separate Protocol Stack.
- Guheen et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,794 B1) discloses System for Establishing Plan to Test Components of Web Based Framework by Displaying Pictorial Representation and Conveying Indicia Coded Components of Existing Network Framework.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Calvin Hewitt can be reached on **(571) 272 – 6709**.

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/Charlie C Agwumezie/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685
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